

Introduced by Senator Emmerson

February 6, 2012

An act to amend Section 921 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1045, as introduced, Emmerson. Healing arts: disaster response.

Existing law, the Health Care Professional Disaster Response Act, makes certain findings with respect to the shortage of health care practitioners in the event of a disaster and the potential use of practitioners with lapsed or inactive licenses.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those findings.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 921 of the Business and Professions Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 921. (a) The Legislature finds and declares the following:
- 4 (1) In times of national or state disasters, a shortage of qualified
- 5 health care practitioners may exist in areas throughout the state
- 6 where they are desperately required to respond to public health
- 7 emergencies.
- 8 (2) Health care practitioners with lapsed or inactive licenses
- 9 could potentially serve in those areas where a shortage of qualified
- 10 health care practitioners exists; if licensing requirements were
- 11 streamlined and fees curtailed.

- 1 (b) ~~It~~ *Therefore, it is,* ~~therefore,~~ the intent of the Legislature to
- 2 address these matters through the provisions of the Health Care
- 3 Professional Disaster Response Act.